

I am Christine Gainey and am a medical lab technician and an 1199 SEIU union steward at Good Samaritan Medical Center. In both capacities I strongly support the sale of Caritas Health System to Cerberus. As a union steward, I have learned that the merger documents recognize the union contract. In addition, our contract has strong successorship language. The clear recognition of the current contract terms and obligations adds a large measure of security to the SEIU membership at Good Sam.

As a technician I feel that the sale would be a huge boost to our hospital, employees, and our community. Financial stability will allow Good Sam to invest in new technology providing for the Caritas mission of better high-quality low cost health care for our community, and additional training and experience for our workers. Good Sam will be able to renovate and add on to our facility. We have needed a new emergency room for the past fifteen years. This addition can actually become a reality providing our community with state of the art emergency care in a much more timely fashion.

All these improvements will allow Good Sam to be more competitive with area hospitals which will provide job growth with the potential for career advancement and additional job security for our employees in a better work environment. With Cerberus backing Caritas with substantial resources, employees can feel secure in their jobs now and well into the future.

In the final analysis, the sale of Caritas Health System to Cerberus is a win-win situation for our patients, our community, our employees, and Good Sam.